NH
352.07
M57
1897

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SELECTMEN, TREASURER,

ROAD AGENTS, AND

BOARD OF EDUCATION,

OF THE

TOWN OF MERRIMACK,

FOR THE

FISCAL YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 15, 1897.

NASHUA, N. H.,
H. R. WHEELER, BOOK AND JOB PRINTER.
1897.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SELECTMEN, TREASURER,

ROAD AGENTS, AND

BOARD OF EDUCATION,

OF THE

TOWN OF MERRIMACK,

FOR THE

FISCAL YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 15, 1897.

NASHUA, N. H.,
H. R. WHEELER, BOOK AND JOB PRINTER,
1897.

NH
352.07
M57
1897

Town Warrant.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Merrimack, in the County of Hillsborough, in said State, qualified to vote in town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town hall in said town on the second Tuesday of March next, at nine of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1st—To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

2nd—To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriation of the same.

3rd— To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise or appropriate for the town library.

4th—To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise or appropriate for James S. Thornton Post for Memorial Day.

5th—To see if the town will vote to allow a discount on taxes or take any action relating thereto.

6th—To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise or appropriate for repairs of school houses, for repairs of highways and bridges, and for other necessary charges arising in the town.

7th—To see if the town will vote to discontinue all the roads or rights of way now held by the town across the

common in front of the church at South Merrimack, and lay out a new road from a point on the Milford road opposite Miss Converse's house, to a point on the Amherst road nearly opposite the post office, or take any action relating thereto.

8th—To see if the town will vote to raise or appropriate the amount of Savings Bank tax received on the Gage Fund for the year ending Feb. 15, 1897, the same to be added to the income of the Gage Fund and applied to the public schools of this town.

Given under our hands and seal, this twentieth day of February, in the year of our Lord, eighteen hundred and ninety-seven.

GEORGE W. DARRAH,
JAMES B. HOITT,
WILLIAM M. WEST,
} Selectmen of Merrimack.

Report of the Selectmen,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 15, 1897.

	VALUE.
Number of acres resident land, 15,493,	$350,516 00
" non-resident land, 4,157,	70,375 00
Polls, 269,	26,900 00
Horses, 232,	13,815 00
Oxen, 8,	350 00
Cows, 489,	10,282 00
Other neat stock, 6,	190 00
Sheep, 47,	141 00
Fowls, 150,	75 00
Carriages, 8,	415 00
Stock in banks and other corporations,	10,672 00
Money on hand at interest or on deposit,	8,300 00
Stock in trade,	19,700 00
Mills and machinery,	81,940 00
Total valuation,	$593,631 00
State tax for 1896,	$1,680 00
County tax for 1896,	1,630 26
School tax,	1,680 00
Highway tax,	1,500 00
Soldiers monument,	500 00
Public library,	225 00
McGaw Normal Institute,	500 00

Memorial Day,	$100 00
Repairs of school houses,	200 00
Total raised and appropriated,	$8,015 26

Rate per cent on $100, $1.25

Railroad Stock Owned in Town.

	SHARES
Northern,	76
Concord & Montreal,	224
Manchester & Lawrence,	85
Nashua & Lowell,	114
Peterborough,	57
Wilton,	29
	585

HIGHWAYS - Summer Bills

J. C. F. Hodgman,	$861 24
Anson S. Longa,	853 10
	$1,714 34

HIGHWAYS - Winter Bills 1895-'96.

Anson S. Longa,	$45 22
J. C. F. Hodgman,	56 49
Geo. H. Seaverns, snowing bridge, etc.,	14 00
C. H. Wright, breaking roads, 1897,	14 00
	$129 71

Miscellaneous Bills.

E. F. Jones, horse killed by order of state veterinary,	$5 00

H. R. Wheeler, printing town reports,	$49 00
Andrews, Son & Co., Ins. on No. 4 school house,	6 40
H. A. Harris, school supplies,	11 72
G. W. Darrah, library appropriation,	225 00
" Tax,order,and inventory books,	10 90
" Special appropriation, James S. Thornton Post,	100 00
J. C. F. Hodgman, clay bank bought of E. Widner, deed and recording,	18 62
Chas. S. Nesmith, Int. on $2,500 00, Gage fund,	100 00
W. E. Kittredge, school supplies,	155 24
Burnham, Brown, & Warren, services and cash paid out,	436 39
E. P. Giddings, mowing cemetery,	2 00
Anson S. Longa, "	5 00
Telegraph Pub. Co , 75 check-lists,	7 00
John Phillips watering trough, 1895-'96,	6 00
George E. Blanchard, police duty, election day,	2 00
Wm. M. West, lumber and labor on town pump,	2 62
Geo. W. Darrah, bounty on hawks,	18 00
Emma A. Cross, school supplies,	16 94
C. M. Edgerly, insuring town library,	4 50
J. G. Read, auditing school accounts,	1 00
Geo. B. French, legal advice, 1895,	2 00
J. B. Hoitt, aid to tramps,	2 81
" perambulating town lines,	2 50
Wm. M. West, " "	2 50
Geo. W. Darrah, " "	5 00
" carfare, postage, and express,	6 90
" stationary, warrants, etc.,	1 72
Dana W. King, examining records,	2 00
Geo. W. Darrah, aid to tramps,	2 20
" use of watering trough,1895, '96,	3 00
Emma A. Cross, examining scholars,	5 00
" enrollment of scholars,	5 00

Robert Carter, police duty. Nov. election,	$2 00
C. H. Wright, watering trough,	3 00
H. E. Herrick, services as school clerk,	2 00
F. P. Jones, Board of Health and supplies,	15 00
" services at burials,	39 00
H. A. Harris, school supplies,	10 61
" examining scholars,	2 00
" enrollment of scholars,	1 00
Hazeltine &. Co. horse injured on highway,	25 00
Wm. M. West, aid to tramps,	5 86
	$1,329 43

County Poor.

Mrs. Geo. E Kent, board of Gertrude Hill,	$72 00
Hazeltine & Co , goods delivered to J. M. Hayes,	112 13
Gordon Woodbury, house rent for "	6 00
F. P. Jones, wood and milk for "	23 65
Dr. G. H. Greeley, Med. attendance on "	109 00
Mrs. S. L. McQuesten care of Mrs. J. M. Hayes,	4 00
Mrs. Monte, " "	2 00
H. L. Wilson. wood,milk,etc., delivered J. M. Hayes,	8 10
Dr. G H Greeley, medical aid for David Lapoint,	26 00
L. A. Norton, board of Roxanna S. Dorr,	17 45
	$380 33

County Soldiers Aid.

Jennie Arthur, house rent for Thos. Perley,	$50 00
F. P. Jones, wood " "	5 50
Geo. Watkins, meat and provisions, "	14 00
Haseltine & Co , goods delivered Mrs. Bodette,	8 20
Annie Moulton, goods delivered to Thos. Perley,	16 00
Mrs. F. J. Woodward,	106 00
	$199 70

Town Poor.

Board of F C. Hamilton at N. H. Insane Asylum,	$96 00
" County Farm,	59 69
	$155 69

Soldiers Aid.

Walter S Reed,	$144 00

Abatements and Discounts.

F. P. Jones, abatement of tax list, 1895,	46 83
M. G. Fletcher, over tax, 1896,	7 10
F. P. Jones, 6 and 4 per cent discounts,	311 87
	$365 80

Town Officers.

Daniel Jones, services as auditor,	$2 00
Herman G. Corning "	2 00
Edwin G. Cook, services as dog constable,	9 00
George E. Blanchard, services as constable,	3 00
Luther Kittredge, services as supervisor and expense on check list,	16 30
John O. Spalding, services as election officer,	2 00
Harry M. Green, " "	2 00
H. Bower, " "	2 00
Osgood F. Upham, " "	2 00
William M. West, services as supervisor and moderator,	8 00
W. E. Kittredge, member School Board,	60 00
Emma A. Cross, " "	50 00
H. A. Harris, " "	60 00

A. A. Platts, town treasurer,	$60 00
" school treasurer,	15 00
H. E. Herrick, services as supervisor,	6 00
F. P. Jones, tax collector,	85 00
" town clerk,	35 00
W. F. Patterson, services as supervisor,	12 00
William M. West, 3d Selectman,	65 00
James B. Hoitt, 2d "	75 00
George W. Darrah, 1st "	90 00
	$661 30

Recapitulation.

Paid on highways,	$1,844 05
Miscellaneous expenses,	1,329 43
County poor.	380 33
County soldiers aid,	199 70
Town poor,	155 69
Town Soldiers aid,	144 00
Abatements and discounts,	365 80
Town officers,	661 30
	$5,080 30

Most recpectfully submitted,

GEO. W. DARRAH,
JAMES B. HOITT,
WILLIAM M. WEST, } Selectmen of Merrimack.

We have examined the above accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

DANIEL JONES,
HERMAN G. CORNING, } Auditors

Treasurer's Report.

Anson A. Platts in account with the town of Merrimack.

DR.

To balance in treasury, Feb. 15, 1896,	$122 59
Received of F. P. Jones, balance on tax list, 1894,	228 63
" " " 1895,	743 05
" interest " 1895,	6 57
" " 1896,	6,653 14
" on dog license, 1896,	142 10
Board of cattle commissioners,	4 00
County, support of county poor,	558 53
State treasurer, railroad tax,	931 80
" savings bank tax,	1,916 24
" literary fund,	165 90
" bounty on hawks,	18 00
Selectmen income of Gage fund,	394 93
" sale of brick, stone, lumber, and shed in No. 3,	47 63
" unexpended balance of appropria-	
" tion for school house in No. 3,	32 45
" Nesmith & Hutchinson, settlement of dog case,	749 95
" rent on town hall,	20 50
Interest on bank deposit,	16 00
	$12,752 01

CR.

By paid orders drawn on treasurer for 1895,	$437 78
" " " 1896,	5,051 44
school treasurer, literery fund on hand March 1, 1896,	132 72
school treasurer, bank tax on Gage fund for 1895,	75 08
school treasurer, income of Gage fund 1896,	394 93
school treasurer, dog license on hand April 1, 1896,	158 75
school treasurer, appropriation for schools 1896,	1,680 00
school treasurer, appropriation for repairs,	200 00
" " " McGaw Institute,	500 00
Ellen E. Nesmith, Note No. 4,	500 00
Ellen E. Nesmith, interest on Notes No. 4 and 5,	52 08
County treasurer, county tax,	1,630 26
state treasurer, state tax,	1,680 00
cash in treasury, Feb. 15, 1897,	258 97
	$12,752 01

Financial Statement.

RECEIPTS.

Cash on hand, Feb. 15, 1896,	$122 59
Total receipts.	12,629 42
	$12,752 01

DISBURSEMENTS.

Total paid out,	$12,493 04
Cash on hand, Feb. 15, 1897,	258 97
	$12,752 01

ASSETS, FEB. 15, 1897.

Cash on hand.	$258 97
Due from collector, 1896,	817 99
" county,	8 00
	$1,084 96

LIABILITIES, Feb. 15, 1897.

Ellen E. Nesmith, note,	$500 00
" interest,	17 62
Orders unpaid,	30 86
	$548 48
Balance in favor of the town,	$536 48

ANSON A. PLATTS, Town Treasurer.

We have examined the foregoing account of the town treasurer of Merrimack, and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

DANIEL JONES,
HERMAN G. CORNING, } Auditors.

Merrimack, N. H., Feb. 17, 1897.

HIGHWAY AGENTS' REPORT.

Anson S. Longa, highway agent for south side of Souhegan River, in account with town of Merrimack to Feb. 15, 1897.

CR.

By amount rec'd of town treasurer,	$853 10

DR.

To labor and cash paid as follows,	$853 10

Labor April 1896.

Paid Anson S. Longa,	$39 00
James W. Wendell,	55 00
Fred W. Longa,	75
Herbert E. Weston,	3 00
J. Frank Foster,	14 00
Robert Carter,	15 00
Arthur Lawrence,	4 50
William R. Weston,	15 00
William Wells,	15 00
Lewis A. Norton,	3 75
H. H. Putnam,	38 50
H. E. Longa,	13 50
E. H. Longa,	10 50
Herbert Felch,	6 75
W. W. Blanchard,	1 50

Paid E. P. Giddings,	$ 60
Copp,	75
William Ford,	1 75
H. W. Wilson,	6 16
	$245 01

Labor May 1896.

Paid Anson S. Longa,	$22 50
James W. Wendell,	10 00
Robert Carter,	7 50
William R. Weston,	75
William Wells,	2 25
H. E. Longa,	4 50
E. H. Longa,	7 50
George C. Ingalls,	3 50
Daniel T. Ingalls,	6 00
Charles H. Weston,	3 00
	$67 50

Labor June 1896.

Paid Anson S. Longa.	$30 00
James W. Wendell,	28 50
J. Frank Foster,	7 00
Arthur Lawrence,	4 50
William R. Weston,	4 50
William Wells,	7 50
H. H. Putnam,	7 00
H. E. Longa,	9 00
Everett H. Longa,	15 00
M. M. Cummings,	4 50

Paid T. T. Longa,	$14 00
Arthur Junkins,	3 50
George Kent,	3 00
David La Pointe,	7 87
John Phillips,	5 60
Daniel T. Ingalls,	6 00
Charles Read,	4 20
	$161 67

Labor July 1896.

Paid Anson S. Longa,	$12 00
James W. Wendell,	15 00
Arthur Lawrence,	3 00
William Wells,	6 00
H. E. Longa,	4 50
Granville Ferguson,	3 00
George C. Ingalls,	7 00
	$50 50

Labor August 1896.

Paid Anson S. Longa,	$37 50
James W. Wendell,	21 75
William Wells,	18 75
H. H. Putnam,	7 00
H. E. Longa,	6 75
E. H. Longa,	10 50
Granville Ferguson,	15 00
Charles H. Weston,	3 00
	$120 25

Labor September 1896.

Paid Anson S. Longa,	$22 50
James W. Wendell,	7 00
William Wells,	10 50
H. H. Putnam,	4 56
H. E. Longa,	7 50
E. H. Longa,	4 50
George Kent,	1 50
Charles Ferguson,	1 50
Arthur Junkins,	6 28
Albert Junkins,	2 00
Paid for spikes and drills,	3 65
	$71 49

Labor November 1896.

Paid Anson S. Longa,	$34 50
Fred W. Longa,	1 50
J. Frank Foster,	3 50
William Wells,	15 00
H. H. Putnam,	18 92
H. E. Longa,	9 75
John Phillips,	5 61
Arthur Junkins,	14 00
George Kent,	6 40
Edward Young,	3 00
David Read,	2 25
T. T. Longa,	3 50
George C. Ingalls,	1 75
E. H. Longa,	14 25
James W. Wendell,	1 75

Paid John Worcester,	$1 00
	$136 68

Most respectfully submitted,

ANSON S. LONGA, Agent.

Snow Bills 1895-1896.

Paid Henry. A. Lawrence,	$3 80
Thomas Karr,	1 05
Charles Wright,	4 10
Frank Hill,	1 80
William Wells,	5 35
James B. Hoitt,	96
H. H. Putnam,	7 00
James W. Wendell,	5 00
Frank Wright,	3 80
Anson S. Longa,	5 00
Edward Sanderson,	75
William Wells,	3 00
Fred N. Longa,	1 50
James B. Hoitt, 17 loads dirt, $.08,	1 36
Robert Carter,	75
	$45 22

ANSON S. LONGA, Agent.

Report of J. C. F. Hodgman, highway agent for the north side of the Souhegan River for the winter of 1895 and '96, to April 1st, 1896.

By cash on hand, Feb. 15, 1896,	$30 00
received from town treasurer,	56 49
	$86 49

To cash paid out as follows:	
J. C. F. Hodgman, for labor,	$11 75
John Stevens, "	75
Geo. Watkins, "	25
Eugene Hartshorn,	1 75
James Longa, for labor and breaking roads,	7 00
J. B. Eliott, " "	60
Frank Weishaupt, " "	7 00
Eugene Parker, " "	2 35
George West, " "	2 85
H. M. Carroll, " "	2 29
John Corlis, " "	3 00
Carl McQuesten, " "	1 75
John G. Read, " "	2 00
E. E. Parker, " "	6 00
Wm P. McQuesten, "	3 15
David Barnes, " "	4 00
Herman S. Fields, filling up washout,	30 10
	$86 59

April 1896.

By cash received from town treasurer,	$861 24
To cash paid out as follows:	
Paid J. C. F. Hodgman, services as agent,	$21 00
L. F. Lowell team for road machine,	34 00

Paid Lon Blanchard, for labor,		$8 62
William Bryant,	"	9 50
David Barnes,	"	4 00
John Corlis,	"	9 00
H. M. Carroll,	"	7 00
Geo. Gilmore,	"	12 25
Geo. Alexander,	"	1 25
Elmer Hook,	"	3 00
J. C. F. Hodgman,	"	27 25
James Longa, tending machine,		12 00
D. Littlefield, for labor,		1 50
Will Longa,	"	6 00
Wm. P. Melvin,	"	3 50
Arthur West,	"	3 00
J. B. Varick, for tools,		6 15
		$169 02

May.

Paid J. C. F. Hodgman, services as agent,		$21 00
L. F. Lowell, team for road machine,		52 00
Lon Blanchard, for labor,		10 50
Wm. Bryant,	"	9 00
John Corlis,	"	1 50
L. Clough, for bridge plank,		24 44
Geo. Gilmore, for labor,		8 50
J. C. F. Hodgman,	"	19 80
James Longa, tending road machine,		18 00
Joseph Watkins, for labor,		3 00
Anson S. Longa,	"	10 75
		$178 49

June.

Paid J. C. F. Hodgman, services as Agent,		$24 00
Lon Blanchard, for labor,		8 00
Wm. Bryant,	"	7 50
David Barnes,	"	10 50
Frank Barlow,	"	9 00
David Burton,	"	1 50
John Corlis,	"	9 00
Henry Carroll,	"	21 00
G. Davidson,	"	75
Daniel Ingalls,	"	1 50
Levi F. Lowell,	" and lumber,	14 43
Joe Foster,	"	3 50
Felch,	"	1 50
Geo. Gilmore,	"	5 50
Elmer Hook,	"	10 50
J. C. F. Hodgman,	"	34 00
James Longa,	"	12 00
Will Longa,	"	9 00
David Lapoint,	"	50
Wm. P. Melvin,	"	5 60
H. Putnam,	"	3 50
Arthur West,	"	9 00
George West,	"	13 75
		$215 53

July.

Paid J. C. F. Hodgman, for labor,		$9 75
John Corlis,	"	2 50
		$12 25

August.

Paid J. C. F. Hodgman, services as agent,	$3 00

Paid Lon Blanchard, for labor,		$3 00
H. Carroll,	"	1 50
F. P. Jones,	"	75
Luther Kittredge,	"	4 00
J. C. F. Hodgman,	"	11 65
J. F. Foster,	"	6 00
Chas. Read,	"	75
Geo. Seaverns,	"	50
		$31 15

September.

Paid J. C. F. Hodgman, services as agent,		$12 00
Lon Blanchard, for labor,		7 50
Wm. Bryant,	"	7 50
David Barnes,	"	10 00
Henry Carroll,	"	10 50
H. F. Green,	"	3 00
Elmer Hook,	"	75
J. C. F. Hodgman,	"	27 50
Joseph Watkins,	"	3 00
Frank Weishaupt,	"	6 00
Anson S. Longa,	"	9 75
		$97 50

October.

Paid J. C. F. Hodgman, services as agent,		$6 00
James Longa, for labor,		11 50
J. C. F. Hodgman,	"	29 40
Jacob Longa,	"	3 00
T. T. Longa,	"	13 50
Wm. Weston,	"	3 00
Anson S. Longa,	"	6 00

Paid Harry Longa. labor,	$3 00
	$75 40

November.

Paid J. C. F. Hodgman, for labor,	$19 65
David Barnes, "	7 00
Wm. Bryant, "	4 75
Haseltine & Co., tools and spikes,	2 18
S. W. Barlow, blacksmith work,	10 40
Aaron Mears, putting up railing,	2 25
Frank Parker, for gravel,	1 00
H. T. I. Blood, "	2 00
Walter Schneider, blacksmith work,	90
Wm. P. Melvin, posts and railing,	2 25
F. A. Gordon, for gravel,	8 40
Wm. Henderson, "	4 16
J. E. Stowell, "	64
Wm. McQuesten, "	3 92
T. T. Longa, "	10 00
Geo. W. Darrah, for sand,	2 40
	$81 90

Most respectfully submitted,

J. C. F. Hodgman, Agent.

Investments of the Joseph N. Gage School Fund.

FEBRUARY 15, 1897.

Manchester Savings Bank,	Manchester, N. H.,	$4,513	22
Amoskeag "	"	1,134	13
Guaranty "	"	2,427	78
Nashua "	Nashua, N. H.,	1,685	25
Mechanics "	"	2,124	88
Lawrence National, "	Lawrence, Mass,	875	00
In the treasury of the town of Merrimack,		2,500	00
		$15,260	26
Income received July 1, 1896.			
Manchester Savings Bank,		$126	27
Amoskeag "		36	85
Guaranty "		77	00
Lawrence National Bank,		42	00
Town of Merrimack,		117	50
		$399	62

Investments of the Jane N. Gage School Fund.

FEBRUARY 15, 1897.

Mechanics Savings Bank,	Nashua, N. H.,	$1,458	33
Manchester "	Manchester, N. H.,	625	00
		$2,083	33
Income received July 1, 1897.			
Manchester Savings Bank,		$20	13
Total amount of income received,		$419	93
Paid trustee for care and all expenses,		25	00
Amount for schools for the year 1896,		$394	93

CHAS. S. NESMITH, Trustee.

Cost of School-house, District No. 3.

To cash paid L. F. Lowell for land and deed,	$51	20
" for lumber, labor, etc ,	909	86
" for mason's bill,	186	23
Wm. M. West, carpenter work,	113	32
J. L. McIntire, labor and cash paid out,	182	89
F. D. Cook & Co., for lumber,	176	57
A. J. Tuck, for insurance,	4	50
Austin, Flint & Day, for lumber,	90	35
Wm. Montee, for labor,	11	80
Cross & Tolles, for lumber,	33	15
S. W. Barlow, for iron rods,	5	40
J. B. Varick, for hardware,	50	57
J. Hodge, for lumber,	136	48
Head & Dowst, for lumber,	58	00
Alexander Carmell, for labor,	79	36
H. W. Parker, for lime and cement,	31	25
Hazeltine & Co., for hardware,	50	08
J. G. Read, for painting,	50	87
George Watkins, for labor,	20	25
I. H. Wiley, for varnish,	13	90
J. L. Hammet, for black boards,	40	82
J. C. F. Hodgman, labor and cash paid,	11	59
Freight on black board,	3	48
Pike & Heald, for furnace,	154	38
J. B. Eliott, labor on furnace,	1	25
Total,	$2,467	55

Levi F. Lowell,
Wm. M. West,
J. L. McIntire,
G. W. Moulton,
J. C. F. Hodgman,
Committee.

Report of Library Trustees.

At the annual meeting of the Town in March, 1896, the Town elected Dr. Guy H. Greeley for one year to fill out the unexpired term of Dr. Geo. W. Davis, and Mrs. Frank P. Jones for three years.

The number of books now in Library,	1,102
" " added during the year,	189
" " loaned "	3,271
" cards issued "	69
Whole number " "	344
Number books loaned from S. M. Branch,	383
" cards issued "	25

FINANCIAL STANDING FEB. 15, 1897.

By received from Town,		$225 00
" Fines,		4 40
" Books and Paper,		1 03
By balance on hand Feb. 15, 1896,		06
		$230 49
To paid for books,	$152 19	
" Librarians,	58 00	
" express and postage,	1 20	
" supplies,	2 37	
" fixtures,	4 00	
" binding, &c.,	2 50	
		$220 26
Balance on hand,		$10 23

Respectfully submitted,

DR. GUY H. GREELEY,
GEO. W. DARRAH,
MRS. FRANK P. JONES, } Trustees.

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF MERRIMACK, N. H., FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 15, 1897.

Date.	Name of the Child (if any.)	Sex & condition: Male or Female.	Living or Stillborn.	No. of child 1st, 2d &c.	Color.	Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.	Col. of parents	Residence of Parents.	Occupation of Father.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.
Jan. 24	Ralph Sullivan	M	S	4		Daniel Sullivan	Della Saunders	W	Merrima'k	Cooper	Townsend, M.	Brookline
Mar. 7	Bryant	"	L	2		Wm. A. Bryant	Jennie Stewart	"	"	Laborer	Bolton, Mass.	Ireland
Apr. 10	Franklin Haseltine	"	"	2		John E. Haseltine	Mabel L. Lowell	"	"	Merchant	Amherst	Brookline
" 7	Raym'dHutchinson	"	"	8		Dana R. Hutchinson	Flossie E. Walsh	"	"	"	Milford	Manchester
" 28	Myrtle M. Johnson	F	"	2		E. J. Johnson	Lillie M. Teed	"	"	Cooper	Nova Scotia	St.Johns, N. B.
May 7	Lucretia Dewkett	"	"	2		George Dewkett	Clara E. Cook	"	"	R. R. Employe	New York	England
" 15	Guy Greeley Hayes	M	"	6		Moses Hayes	Nora Evans	"	"	Shoe Laster	"	Strafford
June 26	Noreen	"	"	9		John S. Noreen	Carrie Petterson	"	"	Farmer	Sweden	Sweden
Oct. 30	Sherman	"	"	2		Frank J. Sherman	Grace Allen	"	"	Teacher	Manchester	So Westport M

I hereby certify that the above return is correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

FRANK P. JONES, Town Clerk.

Marriages Registered in the Town of Merrimack, for the Year Ending Feb. 15, 1897.

Date.	Place of Marriage.	Name and surname of Groom and Bride.	Residence of each at time of marriage.	Age in years	Color of each	Occupation of Groom and Bride.	Birthplace of each.	Names of Parents.	Birthplace of Parents.	Occupation.	Condition.	Times Mar'd.	Name, Residence and Official Station of person by whom married.
Jan. 23	Merrimack	Walter E. Kittredge	Merrimack	29	W			Walter Kittredge Anna Fairfield	Merrimack New Boston	Lawyer		1	R. A. Beard, Cong. Clergyman Nashua.
		Addie L. Wilson.	"	30	"			Horace Wilson Lydia J. Burns	New Ipswich Milford				
Nov. 25	"	A. Douglass Smith	Melrose, M.	35	"			Orlando Smith Reconcile Andrew	Williamstown Manchester	Tuner		1	T. C. Jackson, Cong. Clergyman, Merrimack.
		Mattie A. Osborne.	Merrimack	25	"			Nathan Osborne Lucy E. Marston	Loudon				
Dec. 30	N Brookfield	Archie A. Hill	No Brookfl'd	36	"			Richard Hill Sarah Welch		ShoeCutt'r		2	John L. Sewall, Cong. Clergyman, North Brookfield, Mass.
		Lucie E. Swett	Merrimack	38	"			David Swett Sally Noyes		Matron		1	

I hereby certify that the above return is correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

FRANK P. JONES, Town Clerk.

Deaths Registered in the Town of Merrimack, for the Year Ending Feb. 15, 1897.

Date.	Name and Surname of the Deceased.	Age. Years.	Months.	Days.	Place of Birth.	Sex and Condition. Male.	Female.	Color.	Single, married or widowed.	Occupation.	Cause of Death.	Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.
Feb. 23	James Hay	89	1	7	Merrimack	M		W	S	Farmer	Cerebral Apoplexy	James Hay	Rebecca Dunn
Mar. 3	Charles Patterson	71	8	10	"	"		"	M	"	Pneumonia	Wm. Patterson	Alma Stevens
" 24	Abby H. Fuller	80	3	3	"		F	"	W	Matron	"	Benj. Hastings	Abigail Hagar
Apr. 18	Sarah McClure	74	4	10	"		"	"			Apoplexy	Sam'l McClure	Mehitable Wilkins
May 19	Harold Farley	3	5	20	Peterboro	"		"	S		Acute Bronchitis	Burton Farley	Annie Walch
" 6	Lucien P. Brown	53	4		Townsend, M.	"		"	"	Cooper	Consumption	Wm. Brown	Rosina Walker
July 2	Lizzie J. Marden	32		21	Concord		"	"	M	Matron	Diphtheria and Nephritis	Peter Batchelder	Mary A. Brown
" 19	Catherine B. King	79			Andover, M.		"	"	"	"	Exhaustion — stoppage	Sam'l Bodwell	Elizab'h Mitchell
Sep. 8	Joseph Cross	78		28	Swanzey	"		"	W	Farmer	Heart disease	Benj. Cross	Susan Foster
" 27	George McQuesten		11	14	Washington	"		"	S		Intestinal ulceration	Geo. McQuestion	Ida Oxenford
Nov. 25	James P. Walker	69			Bedford	"		"	M	Merchant	Paralysis	Leonard Walker	Fanny Parker
Dec. 7	Jane H. Kittredge	73	5	5	"		"	"	W	Matron	Heart disease	Sam'l McAfee	Katherine Holmes
" 8	Floyd P. McAfee	1	4	1	Merrimack	"		"	S		Inanition and Bronchitis	John McAfee	Grace Parkhurst
" 21	Andrew B. Gourley	43		2	Nova Scotia	"		"	M	Barber	Phthisis	Thos. Gourley	Elizabeth Blackie
F. 1, '97	Caroline Hamilton	66			Hollis		"	"	"	Matron	Heart disease	Luther Rideout	
" 6	Mehitable Adams	91	4	25	New Brunsw'k		"	"	W	"	Hypostatic Pneumonia	Wm. Hoitt	

I hereby certify that the above return is correct according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

FRANK P. JONES, Town Clerk.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL BOARD,

OF THE

TOWN OF MERRIMACK,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH 1ST, 1897.

SCHOOL BOARD.

HENRY A. HARRIS, Term expires March 1898.
WALTER E. KITTREDGE, Term expires March 1897.
EMMA A. CROSS, Term expire March 1899.

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

To the Inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Merrimack, qualified to vote in District Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said district on the 16th day of March, 1897, at 2·30 o'clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a member of the School board for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
6. To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this Warrant.
7. To see how much money the District will raise and appropriate for the support of schools.
8. To see what action the District will take in relation to raising and appropriating a sum of money for the free tuition of town scholars at McGaw Institute or elsewhere.
9. To see what action the District will take in relation to using a check list at School meetings and requiring the registration of voters in district affairs.

Given under our hands at said Merrimack, this 18th day of February, 1897.

HENRY A. HARRIS,
W. E. KITTREDGE, } School Board.
EMMA A. CROSS,

Report of the School Board.

It is a matter of serious regret to the School Board, as it should be of grave significance to the citizens of the town, that the accompanying statistics are a record of a school year of but twenty-nine weeks in length—the same as reported last year. We were hopeful that the record of that year as to length would not soon be repeated, and in our report we urged the necessity of raising a sum of money, additional to that required by law, sufficient to ensure a school year of not less than thirty-two weeks, it being then apparent that *without* such action on the part of the voters of the district, our school revenues would be insufficient, —having lost the use of so large a part of the Gage fund. The voters, however, seemed not to think favorably of our suggestion, but on the contrary, that the school fund was already too large ; as was implied by their action in returning—*most unwisely*, we think—the entire unexpended balance of the appropriation for the new school house at Reed's Ferry, to the town treasury, thus compelling the *furnishing* of the house out of the school treasury, at an expense nearly sufficient to have extended our school year three weeks.

Considering, however, that our schools have been in session but little more than half the time during the past year, the results accomplished have been in the main very

satisfactory and a credit alike to teachers and scholars. If, in two or three instances faulty methods have prevailed to some extent in the school room, it has not been, we think, the result of *indifference* on the part of the teachers. so much as of their lack of training and experience. A majority of our teachers have proven themselves possessed of excellent abilities, and have displayed a cheerful willingness to use them for the benefit of their pupils. We have noticed, also, in a number of instances, that the moral atmosphere of the school room, created by the teacher, has been a benediction to the school, the pupils having even grown to imitate unconsciously the mild tones and pleasing manners of their teacher, whose influence for good is not confined to the school-room but extends to the community around.

It has been our purpose to secure, as far as possible, teachers who were intellectually and morally well fitted to instruct and rightly influence both the minds and hearts of the children ; but we have found it difficult, largely by reason of the meagre salaries we are paying, to induce such to accept positions in Merrimack, and if one thus qualified has occasionally been secured, the same obstacle has stood in the way of her retention. But not always has it stood *alone* as such a barrier. We wish it did, but not unfrequently it has been accompanied by neighborhood inharmonies and carping criticism of modern methods of teaching. Few, perhaps, realize that outside the home, no influence is so potent in moulding the character of the future citizen, and thereby shaping the destiny of the nation as that of the school. This being true, how important that the chief factor in that influence—the teacher—be well equipped mentally and morally for her noble work.

But as already shown in this and previous Reports, the services of those thus qualified are only to be obtained, save in rare instances, by pecuniary inducements better than we have as yet held out, hence the necessity, if we would save ourselves and our children the mortification of falling in the rear in the march of improvement, of increasing our school revenues.

The foregoing suggestions may seem but a rehash of those urged in previous reports, and it is not a pleasure to present them, for we fully realize how the average voter dislikes to be taxed, but it is well for us to seriously consider this matter at least once a year, and no time seems so appropriate as just before our annual school meeting.

There still seems to be a misunderstanding on the part of some as to the law with reference to conveying children to school from districts where the schools have been suspended, and consolidated with others to economize in the school expenses,—the impression being that the law *requires* the conveying of all scholars living beyond a certain distance from the school. This is an error, as the law is in no sense mandatory, but leaves the matter of conveyance under any circumstances, to the judgment or discretion of the School Board. We have tried to be considerate and just in dealing with this annoying question, well knowing, however, that our decisions have not always given satisfaction, but we wish to urge upon parents the necessity of their helping to bear the burden of conveyance, as some have shown a cheerful willingness to do,—thus lessening the expense and permitting the money to be used in lengthening the school year. We have been seriously handicapped in our school work by this constant-

ly annoying problem, and it will be well, if in the near future, the District shall take some action by which the whole question will be definitely settled and the School Board thus relieved of a perplexing responsibility, and the success of the schools thereby promoted.

The expenses for repairs have been light for the past year, but prospectively will be larger the coming year, and we would advise the raising of a sum sufficient to keep all the buildings in suitable repair, as nothing will be saved by postponing repairs that are really needed.

As will be seen by reference to the tables of expenses of this report, the heating apparatus in the new No. 3 house is proving an expensive one in the amount of fuel required, much to our disappointment. Possibly, however, no more economcal method can be substituted which would prove satisfactory.

We invite attention to the accompanying report of McGaw Institute, kindly furnished us by the principal, Mr. Sherman, as well worthy of perusal.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY A. HARRIS,
W. E. KITTREDGE,
EMMA A. CROSS,
} School Board.

To the School Board of the Town of Merrimack.

I respectfully submit the following statistics of McGaw Normal Institute for the year ending June, 1896.

Total number enrolled,	42
Average number attending one year,	39
Total number receiving free tuition under the town appropriation,	24
Average number receiving free tuition under the town appropriation.	21
Number in class graduating June, 1896,	9
Number in class graduating June, 1896, from the town of Merrimack,	5

The tuitions for pupils from other towns is $25.50 per year. The average cost of tuition to the town of Merrimack for this year has been $23.81 per pupil, for 36 weeks schooling, which is less than the average cost for some of the district schools for 27 to 29 weeks.

An uncertain idea seems to prevail as to what lines of study may be pursued at the Institute, under the free tuition, the impression of many being that the English branches only may be pursued. As now interpreted the appropriation is for free tuition in *any* branches taught in the Institute, including ancient languages, modern languages, sciences, English, business and normal training.

A cordial invitation is extended to all to visit the Institute and investigate its management and progress.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK J. SHERMAN, Principal.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

No. School.	TEACHERS.	No. Weeks in Term.	Whole No. Pupils.	Average No. Pupils.	Av. Daily Attendance	Per Cent. Daily Attendance.	No. of pupils not absent.	Instances of tardiness.	One-half days lost by non-membership.	One-half days lost by members in attendance.	Wages per month.
2	Julia L. Langdell,	11	18	16	15	.9375	5		120	13	$30 00
2	Mabel A. Winters,	10	19	16	15	.9375	3	4	200	168	30 00
2	Julia L. Langdell,	8	18	15	12	.8000	6		217	228	30 00
3	Amabel Emerson,	12	19	18	18	1.0000	11		105	66	32 00
3	"	10	19	19	19	1.0000	10	3	28	16	32 00
3	"	8	19	18	11	.9444	4	13	116	53	32 00
3	Carrie A. Tirrell,	12	24	15	15	1.0000	6		46	329	28 00
3	"	10	21	20	19	.9500	11		132	128	28 00
3	"	8	17	16	14	.8750	3	6	225	50	28 00
4	Mary E. Richardson,	11	21	20	12	.6000	5	79	489	74	30 00
4	Jessie E. Dodge	10	23	23	21	.9130	4	9	244	10	30 00
4	"	8	25	24	20	.8333	2	11	355	35	30 00
5	F. Ethel Hodge,	11	13	12	12	.9380	10	1	88	2	30 00
5	"	10	13	12	10	.8230	3	10	129	88	30 00
5	Mabel A. Winters,	8	8	8	7	8750	2	4	223		30 00
6	Elizabeth L. Naven,	11	19	18	17	.9306	6	11	88	80	30 00
6	Carrie A. Purdy,	10	18	17	16	.9531	1	9	323	57	30 00
6	Grace A. Aldrich,	8	11	11	11	1.0000	2	15	106		30 00
7	Hortensia McMillen,	11	22	20	18	.9000	4		102	94	30 00
7	"	10	19	14	12	.8570	2	2	96	120	30 00
7	"	8	14	12	11	.9160	4	4	162	534	30 00
9	Margaret Bushee,	13	18	12	11	.9166	4	18	232	72	30 00
9	"	10	20	16	19	.1870	1	2	142	400	30 00
9	"	8	23	20	17	.0850	1	13	250	237	30 00
12	Ellen M. Kennedy,	11	15	14	14	.9447	3		108	20	30 00
12	"	10	12	11	11	.9500	5		98		30 00
12	"	8	12	11	11	.8800	1		56	30	30 00

STUDIES.

No. of School.	TERMS.	No. of Scholars.	Reading and Spelling.	Penmanship.	Arithmetic.	Geography.	Language.	History.	Composition.	Drawing.	Vocal Music.	Physiology.	Astronomy.	Physical Geography.	Rhetoric.	Botany.	Algebra.	Philosophy.	Book-keeping.	Natural History.	Latin.	Greek History.
2	Spring,	18	18	18	18	10	9		3		18											
2	Fall,	19	19	18	12	11	8		8		18											
2	Winter.	18	18	18	18	12	10		10		18	2										
3	Spring,	43	43	43	43	28	19	19	9	19	39					19						
3	Fall,	40	40	35	40	40	31	9	36			19										
3	Winter.	36	36	36	26	36	29	9	26		19	19										
4	Spring,	22	22	22	22	12	7	5				3	1									
4	Fall,	23	23	23	16	11	8	8				2										
4	Winter.	25	25	25	25	16	13	8				6	1						1			
5	Spring,	13	13	13	13	13	9	4	11				13									
5	Fall,	13	13	13	13	13	11		11		13											
5	Winter.	8	8	8	8	7	3	7	7							2	2					
6	Spring,	18	18	18	18	7	7	3														
6	Fall,	18	18	18	18	7	7	3	7													
6	Winter.	11	11	11	11	7	7	3	7												2	2
7	Spring,	22	20	18	11	9	3		15		2											
7	Fall,	19	19	18	16	10	2	1		10	2											
7	Winter.	14	14	13	13	10	7	7		12	4											
9	Spring,	18	18	18	18	12	18															
9	Fall,	20	20	20	20	15	20															
9	Winter.	25	25	25	25	15	25															
12	Spring,	15	15	15	14	14	14	2	14			9				1	1		1	1		
12	Fall,	12	12	12	11	11	11	6	11	2		8							1	2		
12	Winter.	12	12	12	11	11	11	6	11	2		4							1	2		

TABLE OF EXPENSES.

No. of School.	WAGES OF TEACHERS,			Fuel.	Cleaning rooms and out-buildings.	Repairs.	Janitors	Conveyance of Scholars.	Total Expenses.
	Fall.	Spring.	Winter.						
1						$37 09		$128 00	$165 09
2	$82 50	$75 00	$60 00	$13 50	$1 00	4 85	$5 15		242 00
3	180 00	150 00	120 00	48 92	4 00	25	19 00		522 17
4	82 50	75 00	60 00	16 50	4 00	4 87	5 15		248 02
5	82 50	75 00	60 00	40	3 25	90	7 25		229 30
6	82 50	75 00	60 00	13 75	2 35		7 25		240 85
7	82 50	75 00	60 00	6 90	1 00	4 60	5 15		235 15
8								145 00	145 00
9	97 50	75 00	60 00	8 50	3 75		7 50		252 25
11								145 00	145 00
12	82 50	75 00	60 00	4 53	1 75		7 25		231 03

ROLL OF HONOR.

NO. 2.

1st term. Annie L. Wallace, Ethel McQuesten, Earl H. Wilson, Charles A. Longa, Rodney G. McQuesten.

2nd term. Earl H. Wilson, Ethel McQuesten, Rodney G. McQuesten.

3rd term. Earl H. Wilson, Rodney G. McQuesten, Ethel McQuesten, Willie L. R. French, Charles A. Longa, Roy J. Sylvester.

NO. 3.

1st term. Bessie Minot, Charles Beland, Herbert Sullivan, Albert Johnson, Sidney M. Gourley, Ernest N. Betterly, George E. Cook, Lizzie E. Cook, Blanche Gourley, Pearl Hill, Jane Gourley, Robert L. Sullivan, Clayton F. Read, Bertie Gray, John M. Gourley, Adeline M. Liberty, Florence Foskett.

2nd term. Charles Beland, George E. Cook, Sidney Gourley, Herbert Sullivan, Amelia Beland, Zeta Foster, Jane Gourley, Flora Hill, Pearl L. Hill, Bessie Minot, John J. Beland, John M. Gourley, Bertie E. Gray, George E. Mitchell, Clayton F. Read, Eva L. Center, Brenda B. Gourley, Blanch Gagnon, Marion A. McIntire.

3rd term. Sidney Gourley, Zeta Foster, Bessie Minot, Ernest N. Betterly, George Mitchell, Robert L. Sullivan, Marion McIntire.

NO. 4.

2nd term. Hattie M. Cummings, Emma Fergerson, Ella Fergerson, Mary Melvin.
3rd term. Emma Fergerson, Ella Fergerson.

NO. 5.

1st term. Pearl Melvin, Carrie Melvin, Frank Ford, Ralph Ford, Lizzie Carr, Lilla Carr, Minnie Anderson, Mamie Shores, Mabel Perkins.
2nd term. Pearl Melvin, Carrie Melvin, Bessie Poff.
3rd term. Pearl Melvin, Carrie Melvin.

NO. 6.

1st term. Elmer E. Fields, Bertha E. Hill, Clair B. Junkins, Morris S. Junkins, Mabel H. Junkins, Etta A. Wheeler.
2nd term. Etta A. Wheeler.
3rd term. Miller E. Junkins, Morris S. Junkins.

NO. 7.

1st term. Jennie Houle, Exione Houle, George E. Schneider, Edward K. Longa.
2nd term. George E. Schneider, Lottie C. Schneider.
3rd term. Lulu M. Carroll, Lottie C. Schneider, George E. Schneider, John H. Watkins.

NO. 9.

2nd term. Edith Widner.
3rd term. Howard Benson.

NO. 12.

1st term. Horace P. Patterson, Susie B. Patterson, Lois L. Patterson, Ned F. Patterson.
2nd term. Horace P. Patterson, Susie B. Patterson, Lois L. Patterson.
3rd term. Susie B. Patterson.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

For Year Ending March 1, 1897.

CR.

Paid teachers,	$1,987 50
Conveying scholars,	418 00
Janitors,	63 70
Fuel, preparing, etc.,	112 70
Cleaning rooms, etc.,	18 75
Repairs,	53 51
Furnishings,	283 24
Supplies,	5 10
Labor on old school house in No. 3,	10 51
Appropriation to McGaw Institute,	500 00
	$3,403 01

Dr.

Rec'd from treasurer for 1895,	$243 01
Town treasurer, literary fund for 1895,	132 72
" dog license on hand April 1, 1896,	158 75
Town treasurer, savings bank tax on Gage fund for 1895,	75 08
" Income of Gage fund, 1896,	394 93
" Amount assessed for schools,	1,680 00
Town treasurer, appropriation for repairs,	200 00
" " for McGaw	

Institute,	500 00
H. A. Harris, tuitions for scholars from other towns,	18 00
	$3,402 49
Debt to balance,	52
	$3,403 01

ANSON A PLATTS, Treas.

I have examined the foregoing account and find it correctly cast and properly vouched.

JOHN G. READ, Auditor.